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Re: Complete Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Bunnell 22 Project, S/019/040 (UTU-72526), Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Landry:

On March 27, 1997, the Bureau of Land Management forwarded a copy of your Small Mine Notice to us for your Bunnell 22 Project, located in Sections 25 and 26, T20S, R21E, Grand County, Utah. The BLM's designated number for this project is UTU-72526. We also received a copy of the BLM's April 9, 1997, letter to you describing five provisions to be adhered to when commencing operations.

The Division has evaluated your Notice under the Small Mining Operation section of our Rules. The information provided in the notice *does* meet the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, *et seq.*, of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975. You may begin mining operations as described under this notice at your convenience.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act also applies to mining activities located on private property; therefore, the Division may regulate the proposed processing facilities. **Please provide the following information so we may make a determination of our possible regulation of the processing facility:**

- (1) A description of the location of this processing facility along with the location shown on a topographic map, or a photocopy of the appropriate portion of a topographic map.*
- (2) A description of the actual ore processing to be conducted at this site. A general description of the process equipment and reagents to be used should also be included, however, we do not want any proprietary information.*
- (3) Is the processing facility located within two miles of this mine site?*
- (3) How much acreage will be affected at the processing facility location?*

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If the processing facility is within two miles of the mine site, it will have to be amended to this small mine notice. The combined surface disturbance at the mine and processing area would then be limited to a maximum of five acres under the small mine notice. If the combined surface disturbance will be over the five acres, a Large Mining Notice of Intention will have to be submitted and approved by the Division prior to exceeding five acres of disturbance.

If the processing facility is further than two miles distance from the mine site, then a separate small mine notice must be submitted for the processing facility. The notice for the processing facility on private lands would be submitted directly to this Division.

We apologize for the delay in processing this notice. We have enclosed a copy of the SMO-NOI Summary, Operation and Reclamation Practices, as taken from Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (form MR-SMO). Please pay particular attention to item 10 of these practices. Salvaging even the first few inches of topsoil material can help in the reclamation of the site at the end of mining.

Your notice did not include a request for a variance; therefore, the Division expects you to comply with all of the operation and reclamation practices included in the notice. A variance request is not required for the practices which refer to features which are nonexistent at the project site.

Please provide the requested information within the next 30 days. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5267. Please reference our designated file number S/019/040 when replying. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure
cc: Roger L. Bon, UGS
Brad Palmer, BLM, Moab District (UTU-72526)
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